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1. IN OUR VIEW THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE MBFR CON-
FERENCE SHOULD BE PREPARED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL
INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, TO ASSUME THOSE COSTS OF THE MBFR
CONFERENCE WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH THE FACILITIES USED FOR
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PLENARY MEETINGS AND EAST-WEST CONTACTS AND FOR TRANSLATORS

(SEE BELOW). WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY RETICENCE TOWARD THE AUSTRIANS IN THIS MATTER IN A SITUATION WHERE IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFEREES TO PICK UP THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSES OF THIS TYPE. WE THEREFORE FAVOR INITIATING A DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE COSTS WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WOULD ACCEPT AN ALLIANCE CONSENSUS ON THIS POINT. WE WOULD PREFER PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE AUSTRIANS, BUT WOULD ALSO ACCEPT ALLIED VIEWS ON WHETHER THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF PROVIDING TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION SERVICES WOULD BE FOR THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AS CONFERENCE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A CENTRAL POOL OF INTERPRETERS/TRANSLATORS WHOSE EXPENSES WOULD HAVE TO BE SHARED LIKE THOSE FOR THE PREMISES. WE FEEL THAT IF THIS COURSE IS FOLLOWED, THE INTERPRETERS SHOULD BE AUSTRIAN CITIZENS SO THAT THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER THEM AS CONCERNS THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS TO THE PRESS AND NON-PARTICIPANTS. WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO GO ROUTE SUGGESTED BY FRG REP.

3. WITH REGARD TO AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES OF A JOINT EAST-WEST SECRETARIAT FOR THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS (PARA 4 OF USNATO 3572), YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THIS CONCEPT IF IT COMES UP AGAIN. WE SEE NO PRESENT NEED FOR SUCH A GROUP AND WOULD CONSIDER IT A MISPLACED APPLICATION OF SCARCE MANPOWER RESOURCES.

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